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Group Art Unit: 3763
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U.S. Patents

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,082,005, issued 1/21/92 to Kaldany
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,316,541, issued 5/31/94 to Fischer
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,336,171, issued 8/9/94 to Sugarbaker
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,947,922, issued 9/7/99 to MacLeod
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,024,736, issued 2/15/00 to de la Torre et al.

Copies of these documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (one page), are enclosed herewith. Applicants respectfully request that these documents be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application and printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants also respectfully request that a copy of Form PTO-1449 (one page), as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication.

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